

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
v.)	Criminal Docket No.
)	CR-20-0220 (JMA)
THOMAS BLAHA,)	
)	
Defendant,)	
)	
and)	
)	
MEMORY PROTECTION DEVICES, INC.)	
)	
Garnishee.)	

INSTRUCTIONS TO DEFENDANT-JUDGMENT DEBTOR
CLERK’S NOTICE OF POST-JUDGMENT GARNISHMENT

You are hereby notified that property in which you have a substantial non-exempt interest, including non-exempt, disposable earnings, is being garnished from MEMORY PROTECTION DEVICES, INC. (the “Garnishee”) by the United States, pursuant to a judgment entered on November 2, 2022 against Thomas Blaha, Defendant Judgment Debtor (“Debtor”), in United States v. Thomas Blaha, Criminal Docket CR-20-0220, in the amount of \$963,877.00, plus interest.

The outstanding balance on the aforesaid judgment is \$ 509,864.62, as of August 16, 2023.

In addition, you are hereby notified that there are exemptions under the law which may protect some of this property from being taken by the United States if you can

show that the exemptions apply. Property which may be exempt and may not be subject to this order is listed on the attached Claim for Exemption form.

If you are Thomas Blaha, you have a right to ask the court to return your property to you if you think the property that the United States is taking qualifies under one of the above exemptions or if you think you do not owe the money to the United States that it says you do.

Further, if you think you live outside the federal judicial district in which the court is located, you may request, not later than 20 days after you receive this notice, that this proceeding be transferred by the court to the federal judicial district in which you reside.

If you want a hearing, you must notify the court within 20 days after you receive this notice. You must make your request in writing, and either mail it or deliver it in person to the Clerk of the Court at the following address:

Clerk of the Court
Eastern District of New York
United States Courthouse
225 Cadman Plaza East, Rm. 130
Brooklyn, New York 11201

If you wish, you may use this notice to request the hearing by checking the box below and mailing this notice to the Clerk of the Court at the following address:

Clerk of the Court
Eastern District of New York
United States Courthouse
225 Cadman Plaza East, Rm. 130
Brooklyn, New York 11201

You must also send a copy of your request to the United States at the following address:

Daniel G. Saavedra
Assistant U.S. Attorney
United States Attorney's Office
Attorney for the United States
271 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

so that the United States will know that you want a hearing.

The hearing will take place within 5 days after the Clerk of the Court receives your request, if you ask for it to take place that quickly, or as soon after that as possible.

At the hearing, you may explain to the judge why you believe that the property that the United States has taken is exempt or why you think that you do not owe the money to the United States. You may also explain why you want the proceeding to be transferred.

Furthermore, Memory Protection Devices, Inc., as Garnishee, is required to file written answer to the Writ of Garnishment with the court. The Garnishee is further required to serve you with a copy of the answer.

You may also file a written objection to the answer of the Garnishee within 20 days after receipt of the answer. In your objection to the answer, you may also request a hearing.

Your written objection must set forth the grounds for any objection and you shall retain the burden of proving such grounds.

A copy of the objection and request for a hearing shall be filed with the Court, and copies served on Daniel G. Saavedra, Assistant U.S. Attorney, United States Attorney's Office, 271 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on behalf of the United States of America and the Garnishee, or counsel for the Garnishee, at the address below:

Memory Protection Devices, Inc.
c/o
Carl Koerner, Counsel
White and Williams LLP
7 Times Square, Suite 2900
New York, NY 10036

If a hearing is requested, the court shall hold a hearing within 10 days after the request is received by the court, or as soon thereafter as is practicable. The court will give notice of the hearing date to all parties.

If you do not request a hearing within 20 days of receiving after receipt of the answer of the Garnishee, the court shall promptly enter an order directing the Garnishee as to the disposition of your nonexempt interest in the property.

Be sure to keep a copy of this notice for your own records. If you have any questions about your rights or about this procedure, you should contact a lawyer, an office of public legal assistance, or the Clerk of the Court. The clerk is not permitted to give legal advice, but can refer you to other sources of information.

Dated: August , 2023

HONORABLE BRENN A. MAHONEY
Clerk of the Court
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York

By: _____
DEPUTY CLERK

___ **I request a hearing**

Date Defendant

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT-DEBTOR
ON HOW TO CLAIM EXEMPTIONS

The attached pre-judgment or post-judgment process has been issued upon the request of the United States of America.

The law provides that certain property and wages cannot be taken. Such property is said to be exempt. The attached Claim for Exemption form lists the exemptions under federal law. There is no exemption solely because you are having difficulty paying your debts.

If you claim an exemption, you should (i) fill out the Claim for Exemption Form and (ii) deliver or mail the form to the Clerk's Office of this court and counsel for the United States. You have a right to a hearing within five business days, or as soon as practicable, from the date you file your claim with the court.

If the United States of America, as creditor, is asking that your wages be withheld, the method of computing the amount of wages which are exempt from garnishment by law is described on the last page of the attached Claim for Exemption Form (see Important Statement). You do not need to file a claim for exemption to receive this exemption, but if you believe the wrong amount is being withheld, you may file a claim for exemption.

If you request a hearing, you will be notified when it is scheduled by the court. On the day of the hearing, you should come to court ready to explain why your property is exempted, and you should bring any documents which may help you prove your case. If you do not come to court at the designated time and prove that your property is exempt, you may lose some of your rights.

It may be helpful to you to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter.

CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION FORM
EXEMPTIONS UNDER FEDERAL LAW (See 18 U.S.C. § 3613)

I claim the exemption(s) checked below:

- ☐ 1. Wearing apparel and school books.
See 26 U.S.C. §6334(a)(1).
- ☐ 2. Fuel provisions, furniture, and personal effects. See 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(2).
- ☐ 3. Books and tools of a trade, business. See 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(3).
- ☐ 4. Unemployment benefits.
See 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(4).
- ☐ 5. Undelivered mail.
See 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(5).
- ☐ 6. Certain annuity and pension payments.
See 26 U.S.C. § 6334(a)(6).
- ☐ 7. Workmen's compensation.
See 26 U.S.C. §6334(a)(7).
- ☐ 8. Judgments for support of minor children.
See 26 U.S.C. §6334(a)(8).
- ☐ 9. Certain service-connected disability payments.
See 26 U.S.C. §6334(a)(10).
- ☐ 10. Assistance under Job Training Partnership Act.
See 26 U.S.C. §6334(a)(12).
- ☐ 11. Wages exempt pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1673.

Exemptions listed above may not be applicable in child support and alimony cases. See 42 U.S.C. §659.

____ I hereby request a court hearing to decide the validity of my claims. Notice of the hearing should be given to me by mail at: _____

_____ or telephonically at _____.
(Address) (Telephone Number)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in this claim of entitlement to exemptions and request for hearing as to exemption entitlement and fair market value of the property designated are true and correct.

Executed on _____, 2023

Signature _____

Debtor's printed or typed name